

TRACKS WILL RUN TO NEW FISH PIER

Better Shipping Facilities Expected to Increase Fish Consumption.

Following a conference at the Public Service Commission office yesterday afternoon on the proposed extension of the Boston Elevated tracks to the Commonwealth fish piers, the Directors of the Port agreed to put in the tracks out of the port fund and later send the bill to the Elevated. The cost will be about \$30,000.

At the hearing before the Public Service Commission, the Boston Fish Market Corporation and the New England Fish Exchange asked the Commission to order the Boston Elevated Railway Company to lay tracks from Summer street over the viaduct built by the Commonwealth, D street to Northern avenue and in Northern avenue to Atlantic avenue.

Mayor Curley and all the members of the Board of Boston Port Directors addressed the Public Service Commission. The mayor urged that the Port directors should build the tracks. The Port Directors explained why they had not done it, and why they thought the State's money should not be spent on an extension of a private street railway. The Boston Elevated has not felt that it was warranted in paying the full cost of laying these tracks, and therefore, nothing has been done. Before the hearing was adjourned, Chairman McLeod of the Public Service Commission said he thought the parties might be able to get together, after having aired the matter publicly, and agree upon a plan that will facilitate the work of laying tracks.

Daniel B. McIsaac, who was counsel for the fish interests that want the tracks laid, said that the Hamburg-American line and the White Star line are interested in it; that one hundred million pounds of fish come through Boston in a year, and this could be increased immensely if there were a trolley freight service to the pier. The mayor said he was impatient at the delay. The State has spent a large sum there for pier development and on a viaduct and now the project is delayed at the comparatively small item of laying tracks to the pier. It is like a man spending \$100 for a dress suit to go to a party and then objecting to paying 15 cents more for a bow. He said that it is time to stop quibbling.

HOW FROGS GET WATER.

H. D. Donaldson, the naturalist, has made a series of experiments with frogs, by which it was shown that they rapidly absorb water through the pores of the skin and never take it in through the mouth. The frogs with which he experimented lost 14 per cent. of their weight when exposed for a few hours to dry air, but regained nearly all of it within 24 hours when they were placed in a dish containing only a small quantity of water.

Chairman McSweeney of the Port Directors declared that the Board desires to have the matter hastened, giving the tenants of the fish pier all the facilities possible, and for the mayor to call it quibbling is criminal under the circumstances. He said that the Boston Elevated and not the Port Directors should lay the tracks, but he intimated that, if the Boston Elevated is in such a poor financial condition that it cannot afford the outlay, the Port Directors might be willing to assume the original cost on the condition that it be paid back by the Boston Elevated when business conditions warrant reimbursement.

John M. Cole Would Like Fish Diet Every Other Day.

John N. Cole of the "Boom Boston" organization, said that the most important thing for New England at present is a method by which the interior of the State may be given a frequent fish service and good connection with the fish pier, in order that the cost of living might be reduced. He said that in Andover he can buy fish only once a week, and he would be glad to have fish at least every second day. He thought the fish consumption would increase enormously if, by means of the trolley freight service the fish were delivered frequently in all parts of the State.

Joseph A. Conry of the Port Directors explained how careful a public board must be with public money, how the former Board, after building the viaduct, expected the Boston Elevated to lay the tracks, but after some delay received a proposition to the effect that the Elevated would pay about one-third of the cost if the Port Directors would pay the other two-thirds. On that proposition the Board gave a hearing in July, and neither the Chamber of Commerce nor the fish men appeared at the hearing. The city of Boston at that time opposed it, and the members felt that they would not be justified in spending any public money for track laying to extend a private street railway.

More evidence would have been presented, but, after an argument by Mr. Burnham of the Fish Exchange the chairman ruled that it was not necessary to say any more to show that there is need for the tracks. It is a question of who is going to pay for it.

A conference followed immediately after the hearing, however, and the agreement was reached.

Capt. Jacobs Going South.

Capt. Solomon Jacobs is fitting sch. Pythian for another seining trip. On his return from the trip, he will leave for Guilford to engage in the snapper fisheries.

MID-WINTER DULLNESS TODAY

Bluebacks and Two Fares to Split Only Arrivals Here.

Two trips of fresh fish to split, totaling about 100,000 pounds are down from Boston today and are the only arrivals here up to noon with the exception of two steamers with fresh bluebacks.

There is but little activity along the waterfront today although a few of the halibut fleet are expected here the first of the week.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Jeanette, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Leonora Silveria, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Etta Mildred, via Boston.

Str. Venture, seining, 175 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, seining, 80 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Str. Jeffery, seining, 75 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Provincetown trap boat, 70 bbls. fresh squid.

Sch. Tacoma, via Boston.

Vesse's Sailed.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, drifting.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, seining.

Steamer Lois H. Corkum, seining.

Sch. Ramona, Newfoundland.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.00.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75.

Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Flitch halibut, 10c per lb.

Hake, \$1.80.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Haddock, \$2.50.

Salt medium mackerel, \$20 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.95; snappers, 75c.

Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.40.

Cusk, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, 90c.

Small pollock, 60c per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 13c right through.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.75 to freezer; \$1 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 10 1-4c per lb. for small.

Fresh shad, \$5 per bbl.

STEAM TRAWLER FROM OFF SHORE

Receipts Light and Arrivals Few at Boston This Morning.

Steamer Long Island was the only off shore at Boston this morning, having a small fare of 34,000 pound haddock. The only other ground fares were those of three shore craft which brought small trips.

Sch. Manomet, Capt. William Phillips has 36 swordfish while 400 pounds small fresh mackerel were landed sch. Little Fannie, Capt. Charles N. son.

Wholesalers quoted \$2.50 to \$2.75 hundred for haddock, \$5.25 for large and \$2.75 for market cod, \$2.50 hake, \$1.25 for pollock and \$2 cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Long Island, 34,000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Gertrude DeCosta, 5000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Marion, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Priscilla, 14,000 pollock.

Sch. Manomet, 36 swordfish.

Sch. Little Fannie, 400 lbs. small fresh mackerel, 200 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Str. Anna T., 75 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Str. Robert and Edwin, 100 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Str. Joanna, 150 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt. large cod, \$5.25; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$2.50 to \$3; pollock, \$1.25; cusk, \$2; swordfish 12 cents and 6 cents lb.

Good Halibut Stocks.

Sch. Yakima, Capt. Robert Wharton, stocked \$3290 and the crew shared \$86.43 on the 17 days halibut trip. This is Capt. Wharton's first trip in the Yakima as a new vessel being built for him and the Yakima has been sold.

Sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert Porter, stocked \$2300 and the crew shared \$42.43 on the recent halibut trip.

LOBSTER FISHERMEN UNIT

Forty lobster fishermen from the North Shore, meeting at the Al House Marblehead, organized Wednesday night as the North Shore Lobstermen's Protective Association. Members came from Marblehead, Salem, Beverly, Manchester, Gloucester, Swampscott and Nahant.

Charles Coffin was elected president; William Hanson, vice-president; and Edward Freet, secretary-treasurer. It is understood that proposals of "short" lobster cases was a factor in their decision to organize.

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WAR CAUSED ADJOURNMENT

**So Expected Decisions Have Not Been
Sent Down by the Arbitrators
in Four Local Fish-
eries Cases.**

Frederick H. Tarr, Esq., attorney for the local claimants against Great Britain in the fisheries cases and special counsel for the United States before the Arbitration Tribunal, has received word from the counsel in charge of the arbitration that no decisions were handed down by the arbitrators who met in Paris in July.

The arbitrators, Hon. Henri Fromont, of Paris, Hon. Chandler P. Anderson of Washington, and Right Honorable Charles E. Fitzgerald of Ottawa, convened in Paris at the appointed time, but before they had proceeded far in their deliberations, the outbreak of the war caused an adjournment to some time and place to be decided upon later.

The cases in which arguments have

been completed and in which decisions were expected in July were the cases of the schooners Argonaut, Jonas H. French, Tattler and David J. Adams.

Time For Filing Claims and Answers in Newfoundland Cases Arranged.

It was arranged last April between the agent for the United States and the agent for Great Britain that the claims against Newfoundland should be filed on or before the first day of July. Answers to these claims should be filed by Newfoundland on or before the first day of October, and then affidavits in support of each case, if required, should be filed on or before the first day of January, 1915, the argument of the cases to take place soon after.

Whether or not the state of war existing will cause any change in these plans is not yet known.

PORTO RICO MANAGER HERE

**San Juan Agent of Gorton-
Pew Fisheries Company
Visited Here Yesterday**

Elias Wolff of San Juan, Porto Rico, agent for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company in that city was in town yesterday. He left last evening for New York.

In an interview, Mr. Wolff said the fish market was quiet at the present time but that he looked for an increase in activity as soon as the sugar crop was harvested. The crop will be a record one and will result in increased business between the United States and Porto Rico.

The more sugar you buy, the more fish we will buy," said Mr. Wolff. In reply to a question, Mr. Wolff was emphatic in his statement that a removal of the duties on sugar would be a great blow to his island and he believed the time would never come when the product was without protection. It is necessary, according to Mr. Wolff, because of the cost of manufacturing the sugar, to have the duty on the sugar.

Portland Fishing News

The Gloucester schooner Claudia, which arrived here nearly a week ago from a Bank trip, is still lying at Commercial wharf. Her skipper, Capt. Andrew Goroveau, who came ashore sick, on arrival, and went to his home in Gloucester, returned Thursday to take charge of his vessel, which will probably go to sea again right away.

The big knockabout schooner John J. Fallon, one of the largest fishing vessels ever seen here, was in port Thursday taking on ice and bait at the Central Wharf Cold Storage plant, after which she started out on a Georges Bank cruise.

Arrived North Sydney.

The first American seiners to arrive in port this season are the Mary T. Fallon and the Norma, both of which arrived last week. Two other Gloucester craft, the Oriole and Senator Gardner are in port for ice and supplies. All the vessels report poor fishing the past several days, owing to the heavy winds the swept the grounds—North Sydney Herald

BOHEMIA HOME AFTER LONG TRIP

**Salt Trawl Banker Only Off
Shore Today Brings
Fair Catch.**

Two vessels found their way through the heavy fog of last night and this morning and outside of a few bluebacks there are no other arrivals at this port today.

Sch. Bohemia, Capt. Ormsby Seeley, arrived during the night from a salt trawl banking trip lasting nearly seven months. She hails for 220,000 pounds of salt cod. The vessel left here March 18 and has been fishing on Grand Banks and in the North Bay. A few mackerel were seen in the latter place.

There remain six salt fishermen of this port to come. Sch. Hazel R. Hines and sch. Senator Gardner are on their second trip. The Oriole, Tattler and Gov. Russell are still on their first trips.

Sch. Olga, Capt. Al Evans which has been cod trapping should be along soon. The Independence II, may also come here.

The other arrival today is sch. Jorgina from Boston with 4000 pounds of fish to split.

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Sch. Bohemia, salt trawl banking, 220,000 lbs. salt cod.

Str. Thelma, seining, 120 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Success, Provincetown, 50 bbls. fresh squid.

Sch. Jorgina, via Boston, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, via Boston.

Sch. Ethel B. Penny, via Boston.

Sch. Little Fannie, seining.

Sch. W. H. Reed, shore.

Sch. Manomet, via Boston.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Steamer Robert and Edwin, seining.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Atalanta, Newfoundland.

Sch. Patriot, drifting.

Sch. Harriett, haddocking.

Sch. Manhasset, haddocking.

Sch. Ethel B. Penny, haddocking.

Sch. Imperator, haddocking.

Sch. Elsie, haddocking.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.

British sch. Annie M. W., Rockport.

British sch. Calavera, Rockport.

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Filthead halibut, 10c per lb. Hake, \$1.80.

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BOSTON MARKET CLOSED QUIETLY

**One Off Shore Arrival Only
Fare of Size at Pier
Today.**

The week closed at the Boston fish pier at noon today for over the holidays, with but a few arrivals since yesterday afternoon.

One large fare was in, sch. Georgianna having 60,000 fresh shack and small amount of halibut.

Wholesalers quoted \$3 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$5 to \$6 for large cod, \$2 to \$2.50 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$3 for hake, \$2 for pollock, \$2 for cusk and 12 cents a pound for halibut.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Georgianna, 6000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 35,000 hake, 9000 cusk, 1500 halibut.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 7000 haddock, 4500 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, 4000 haddock, 1300 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Adeline, 9000 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Viking, 30,000 pollock.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 7000 haddock, 1200 cod, 6000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Jorgina, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Haddock, \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2; cusk, \$2; halibut, 12 cents for white and gray.

Capt. Wharton Going in Sch. Avalon.

Sch. Avalon is being fitted for a halibut trip by Capt. Robert Wharton who will take the vessel until his new vessel now being built at Essex is ready.

Capt. William French is fitting sch. Elsie for haddocking.